

was heard from Michael Barrera, National Ombudsman, SBA; and Nina Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESSES—IMPACT OF HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology held a hearing on the Impact of the Highway Beautification Act on small businesses across America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED REAUTHORIZATION (SAFETEA)

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on overview of Administration's Proposed Reauthorization bill (SAFETEA). Testimony was heard from Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1460, amended, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003; H.R. 1562, amended, Veterans Health Care Cost Recovery Act of 2003; H.R. 1683, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003; H.R. 1257, Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act; H.R. 1911, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance cooperation and the sharing of resources between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense; and H.R. 1715, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recover from third parties costs of medical care furnished to veterans and other persons by the Department.

SENSITIVE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Sensitive Programs Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BIOSHIELD: COUNTERING THE BIOSHIELD THREAT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing entitled "Bioshield: Countering the Bioterrorist Threat." Testimony was heard from Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D439)

S. 162, to provide for the use of distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Mari-copa Indian Community. Signed on May 14, 2003. (Public Law 108-22)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for programs of the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the Department of State's Office of Children's Issues, focusing on international parental abduction, 9 a.m., SD-419.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing on "Protecting Our Most Vulnerable Residents: A Review of Reform Efforts at the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD Week of May 19 through May 24, 2003 Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 2:30 p.m., Senate will consider S. 1050, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

During the balance of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1050, Department of Defense Authorization, and may also consider S. 14, Energy Policy Act, H.J. Res. 51, Increased Public Debt, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: May 20, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 22, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for highway safety initiatives, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: May 20, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Fair Credit Reporting Act and issues presented by the Re-authorization of the Expiring Preemption Provisions, to be immediately followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Nicholas Gregory Mankiw, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers, Steven B. Nesmith, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Jose Teran, of Florida, James Broadus, of Texas, Lane Carson, of Louisiana, and Morgan Edwards, of North Carolina, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences, 2 p.m., SD-538.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the national export strategy, 10 a.m., SD-538.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the economy, focusing on increasing investment in the equity markets, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 20, to hold hearings to examine CEO compensation in the post-Enron Era, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the North Pacific Crab, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues related to computer spam, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine recommendations to tighten oversight of the Title XI Shipbuilding Loan Guarantee Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 22, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine media ownership, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine NHTSA reauthorization, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 22, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine wireless broadband in rural areas, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 21, business meeting to consider, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 20, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21), 2 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 19, Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and Jeffrey Lunstead, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Maldives, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 19, Subcommittee on African Affairs, to hold hearings to examine fighting AIDS in Uganda, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold a closed briefing to examine North Korea and Indonesia, 11 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

May 20, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of John F. Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, 2 p.m., SD-419.

May 20, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the future of U.S. economic relations in the Western Hemisphere, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider an original bill to authorize foreign assistance for fiscal year 2004, to make technical and administrative changes to the Foreign Assistance and Arms Export Control Acts and to authorize a Millennium Challenge Account, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iraq stabilization and reconstruction, focusing on U.S. policy and plans, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 21, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine SARS, focusing on state and local response, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 21, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation entitled "Genetics Non-Discrimination Act", 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 21, to hold oversight hearings to examine the proposed reorganization of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-485.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the status of telecommunications in Indian Country, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 20, to hold hearings to examine international drug trafficking and terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of R. Hewitt Pate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 22, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard C. Wesley, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, J. Ronnie Greer, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, Thomas M. Hardiman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Mark R. Kravitz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, and John A. Woodcock, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: May 20, to hold oversight hearings to examine operations of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Institution, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Special Committee on Aging: May 19, to hold hearings to examine ageism in the health care system, focusing on short shifting seniors, 2 p.m., SD-628.

May 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine baby boomers, focusing on enhancing independence through innovation and technology, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 20, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry, hearing to review the current state of the Dairy industry, 10:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 21, full Committee, hearing to review the status of the World Trade Organization Negotiations on Agriculture, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 22, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the financial status of the Crop Insurance industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, May 20, Subcommittee on Legislative, on GPO, 10:30 a.m., and on Capitol Police, 11:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 21, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

May 21, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Members of Congress, 10:30 a.m., and on Architect of the Capitol (Not Capitol Visitor's Center), 11:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 21, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on Benefits and Costs of Transportation Options, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Impact of Chinese Imports on U.S. Companies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 20, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "America's Teacher Colleges: Are They Making the Grade?" 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "The Hydrogen Energy Economy," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 22, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "The Long and Short of Hedge Funds: Effects of Strategies for Managing Market Risk," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Section 8 Housing Assistance Program: Promoting Decent Affordable Housing for Families and Individuals who Rent," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 19, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations, hearing on Stamping Out Anthrax in USPS Facilities: Technologies and Protocols for Bioagent Detection, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 20, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Can the Use of Factual Data Analysis Strengthen National Security?—Part Two," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 22, full Committee, hearing and markup of H.R. 2086, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 21, hearing on the Future of Kosovo, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 20, Subcommittee on the Constitution, oversight hearing on "Anti-Terrorism Investigations and the Fourth Amendment After September 11: Where and When Can the Government Go to Prevent Terrorist Attacks?" 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 22, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2048, International Fisheries Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H. Res. 30, concerning the San Diego long-range sportfishing fleet and rights to fish the waters near the Revillagigedo Islands of Mexico, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

May 22, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1598, Irvine Basin Surface and Groundwater Improvement Act of 2003; and H.R. 1732, Williamson County Water Recycling Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 20, Subcommittee on Railroads, oversight hearing on Surface Transportation Board: Agency Resources and Requirements, 2:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 22, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Water: Is it the "Oil" of the 21st Century? 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 22, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on long-term care programs in the Department of Veterans Affairs, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 20, executive, hearing on Budgets for intelligence-related activities within the Departments of State, Energy, and Treasury; and for the Department of Defense Foreign Counterintelligence Programs, 3 p.m., H-405, Capitol.

May 22, executive, hearing on the FBI National Security Programs Budget, 1 p.m., H-405, Capitol.

May 22, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, May 19, Subcommittee on Rules, hearing entitled "Perspectives on House Reform: Lessons from the Past," 5:30 p.m., 340 Cannon.

May 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "How is America Safer? A Progress Report on the Department of Homeland Security," 9 a.m., 210 Cannon.

May 21, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development, oversight hearing on "Homeland Security Science and Technology: Preparing for the Future," 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: May 21, to hold hearings to examine the economy, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.